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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robert E. Gillis

Application No.: 09/920,080

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For: LIGHTWEIGHT FLEXIBLE  
FRAME FOR SHELTER STRUCTURE

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Art Unit: 3635

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to examination as follows.

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 25-28.

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25. (NEW) A frame for a shelter structure comprising:  
an elongated flexible pole having a first end and a second end, said first and second ends terminating in a substantially common plane;  
at least one spar flexibly coupled to said pole and associated only with said pole to form a flexible frame structure.
26. (NEW) The frame of claim 25 including a plurality of spars, each flexibly coupled to said pole and each associated only with said pole to form a flexible frame structure.